

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Presented is a system and a method for installing a suite of application programs that uses a common structure of a wizard page returned from a procedure exported from a dynamic link library (DLL) or executable (EXE) file. In this way, component writers are
5 able to write their UI in a separate DLL or executable (EXE) file for their component.

This improves portability of the UI as the writers are now able to take this file and copy it from version to version without needing to rewrite or port the code in any way. Further, the system and method allow for the usage of a number of default or template UI screens.

Modification of the display order, including insertion and deletion of UI screens as well
10 as reordering of the screens is also provided by the system and method of the invention.

This functionality is provided through a textural setup database file that includes a textural listing of the UI screens to be utilized. A suite integration toolkit (SIT) utilizes this text file to coordinate the UI display.

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